

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

THOMAS RYAN, SUSAN RYAN, SEAN
GALLAGHER, ASHLEY SULTAN
GALLAGHER, MICHELE BURT, NANCY
DONOVAN, and LAUREN LADUE, individually
and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE NEWARK GROUP, INC.,
MASSACHUSETTS NATURAL FERTILIZER
CO., INC., OTTER FARM, INC., SEAMAN
PAPER COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS,
INC., and 3M COMPANY,

Defendants.

Civil Action No: 4:22-cv-40089-MRG
(Lead Case)

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GALLAGHER, ASHLEY SULTAN
GALLAGHER, MICHELE BURT, NANCY
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Plaintiffs,

v.

EIDP, INC., DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC.,
THE CHEMOURS COMPANY, THE
CHEMOURS COMPANY FC, LLC, CORTEVA,
INC., BALL CORPORATION, RUST-OLEUM
CORPORATION, NEW ENGLAND WASTE
SERVICES OF ME, INC. D/B/A CASELLA
ORGANICS, SYNAGRO TECHNOLOGIES,
INC., NEW ENGLAND FERTILIZER
COMPANY, NEFCO GP I, and NEFCO GP II.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 4:25-cv-40026-MRG

**JOINT STIPULATION REGARDING CASE SCHEDULING
AND [PROPOSED] ORDER**

Plaintiffs Thomas Ryan, Susan Ryan, Sean Gallagher, Ashley Sultan Gallagher, Michele Burt, Nancy Donovan, and Lauren Ladue (“Plaintiffs”), and defendants The Newark Group, Inc. Massachusetts Natural Fertilizer Co., Inc., Otter Farm, Inc., Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts, Inc., 3M Company, New England Fertilizer Company, NEFCO GP I, and NEFCO GP II (the “Remaining Defendants”) by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and respectfully propose the following:

WHEREAS, following the September 26, 2025 motion hearing in the above-captioned actions, defendants Rust-Oleum and Casella Organics transmitted to the Court via electronic mail a proposed revised case schedule reflecting the extensions they had sought and the resulting adjustments to the case deadlines.

WHEREAS On October 1, 2025, the Court approved the proposed schedule with one correction and directed Rust-Oleum and Casella Organics to docket the table as a proposed amended scheduling order. The proposed amended schedule was not subsequently docketed.

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2025, the Court issued an order granting the motions to dismiss filed by Rust-Oleum, Casella Organics, Synagro, and the DuPont entities. See Dkt. No. 507.

WHEREAS, in light of these intervening rulings, the parties’ existing travel commitments, and the fact that the remaining parties are awaiting the Court’s memoranda of reasoning in order to evaluate the impact of the Court’s rulings and determine appropriate next steps, the parties agree that the case schedule should be addressed following the issuance of the Court’s memoranda of reasoning.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by the parties, subject to the order of the Court, that:

1. Within ten (10) days of the Court's issuance of its memoranda of reasoning, the remaining parties shall meet and confer regarding an appropriate case schedule; and

2. Within fourteen (14) days of the Court's issuance of its memoranda of reasoning, the parties shall jointly submit to the Court a proposed amended case schedule, which the parties anticipate will substantially resemble the schedule previously proposed by Rust-Oleum and Casella Organics, in the form of a proposed amended scheduling order.

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Stipulation Regarding Case Scheduling, and for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Within ten (10) days of the Court's issuance of its memoranda of reasoning, the remaining parties shall meet and confer regarding an appropriate case schedule.
2. Within fourteen (14) days of the Court's issuance of its memoranda of reasoning, the parties shall file on the docket a proposed amended scheduling order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

Margaret R. Guzman
United States District Judge

DATED: December 23, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On December 23, 2025, I, Ian W. Sloss, filed electronically the foregoing document, which will be served upon all counsel of record via ECF notice.

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